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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/592,337	MARCOVICI ET AL.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 04 March 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 6, line 12, the specification does not clearly define the RES attribute. Appropriate correction is required.
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The following title is suggested: 'Method for repeated authentication of a user subscription identity module using nonces'.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in the applicants specification: "Description of Related Art" (hereinafter admission) in view of Stallings Cryptography and Network Security 2nd Edition (hereinafter Stallings). As per claim 1, admission teaches an AKA method for authenticating a mobile to a Serving Network, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. Establishing a security association between the mobile and the Serving Network thus authenticating the mobile to the Serving Network (page 3, line 1-page 5, line 26);

Admission does not cover a step of challenging the authenticity of the mobile once it has been established by the AKA method. However, means for continuous authentication using nonces has been known in the art at the time the invention was made. Stallings teaches the use of nonces as means for challenging the identity of the user for each new message (see Stallings, page 304, 2nd paragraph, especially bullet 'Challenge/response'). It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Stallings to the method of admission. Motivation for such an implementation ensures the identity of the mobile unit for the duration of the connection to the Serving Network as taught by Stallings. Hence, the invention disclosed by admission modified by Stallings also covers the steps of:

- b. Challenging the authenticity of the mobile and preventing the mobile from having access to the Serving Network when the mobile cannot authenticate itself to the SN (see admission, page 6, line 17 as modified by Stallings, page 304, bullet 'Challenge/response').

The aforementioned covers claim 1.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Brown et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,793,866 especially Figure 7.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jung W Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-8289. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

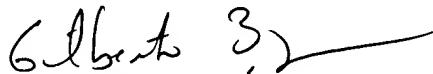
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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